

ABBOTT OR O'HARA?
IS THE LATTER A BOLTER? TWO CANDIDATES IN THE SECOND N. C. DISTRICT. O'HARA DENOUNCED AS A BOLTER. ABBOTT DECLARED THE CHOICE OF HIS DISTRICT, &c.

(Special to the Bee)
Editor of the Bee.

Dear Sir:
In your issue of the 11th inst., I noticed your mention of affairs in our Congressional District. The present representative from our district is J. E. O'Hara. He has represented this district two terms. The first term against the will of the people. I will, in a few words as possible attempt to give you the state of affairs as they really exist. On the 25th of July last, our 2nd Congressional District Convention convened in the town of Kinston to nominate a candidate for the 50th Congress. There were six aspirants for nomination three white and three colored. Prominent among them were Messrs. R. E. Young, J. A. Moore, J. E. O'Hara, and L. B. Abbott. It was understood weeks before the convention met that Mr. O'Hara would bolt the nomination of the convention should he fail to receive it. And the night before the convention convened O'Hara saw that it was impossible for him to be nominated. Hence, he invented a trick. The call for the convention read 12 M. The chairman, secretary and a policeman came into the convention at one. One hour after the call. The chairman called the convention to order and commanded delegates and every body to leave the Hall. A delegate arose and asked the chairman why he desired delegates and all to leave the hall, and his reply to the delegates was, that he was no delegate. When he replied thus to a delegate, even before the committee on credentials had been appointed, the delegates took in the situation at once and soon had the chairman to understand that he had no right to say who the delegates were, but that was the business of the committee on credentials.

O'Hara's clique was, to have all leave the room, and to admit none but those whom he could use, and to have the policeman at the door as a sentinel to carry out his orders. He failed. The delegates in their power resisted this high handed outrage, by electing a chairman who would preside fairly and honestly, one whose influences had not been sold. He proceeded with the appointment of a committee on credentials. (There are eleven counties composing this district.) The committee reported nine counties out of the eleven represented. The convention then permanently organized and aspirants were put in nomination, on the first ballot no nomination was made, on the 2nd ballot, Hon. L. B. Abbott received the nomination. He having received 15 votes out of 28 votes cast and was therefore declared the nominee of the Republican party of this district. After several speeches by prominent gentlemen present and the election of an executive committee the convention adjourned.

About 4 o'clock in the evening O'Hara called his convention. It was composed of Alternates and anybody who would act with him. As we call it "the second meeting," and in that body had himself nominated. During the canvass prior to the convention O'Hara made the fight that a colored man should represent the district (meaning of course himself.) But his color is much doubted down here, still they gave him a man not colored but black; a true representative of the race, and a native of the district. Mr. O'Hara got to congress in 1882 by bolting but he will fail this time. He is above his colored constituents when he meets them in Washington and only plays off a colored man every two years to get back to congress. He prides himself on his ancestry, no one knows from whence he came. He does nothing for the district, he spends his time and money in the north and the people have declared that they will have no more of this political trickster's representation. To give you an idea of how he stands as to influence in his own county convention as a contested delegate. His county was contested in the district convention. This is the influence at home of the political bolter. It is thought that he has bargained to send the democratic candidate to congress. He being a son-in-law of a gentleman who has been backing him heretofore for congress, in order that he may pay back the money which he owes him.

Mr. Editor, these are the facts and believing that this article will prove of much interest to your readers, I hope you will publish it.

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